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December 3, 2008

State of New Jersey **Highlands Water Protection** And Planning Council 100 North Road (Route 513) Chester, New Jersey 07930-2322

Dear Director Swan,

Enclosed for filing with the Highlands Council please find a certified copy of Resolution 249 adopted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville at their December 2, 2008 meeting as follows:

R-08-249

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE (MORRIS COUNTY) NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of further assistance in this or any other matter.

Yours very truly,

Donna I. Costello, RMC/CMC

Municipal Clerk

Dic/encl.

R-08-249

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE (Morris County)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

No. 249

Date of Adoption: December 2, 2008

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 13:20-1 *et seq.*, finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to fifteen months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Denville (Morris County) lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville believes that it is in the best interest of the Township to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Municipal Council of the Township of Denville has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

I, DONNA I. COSTELLO, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION <u>249</u>, ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE ON DECEMBER 2, 2008.

12-3-08

Certification Dated:

Donna I. Costello, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk